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SWING STATES ARE TOO CLOSE TO CALL

NOT OVER » FOCUS ON PENNSYLVANIA, MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN

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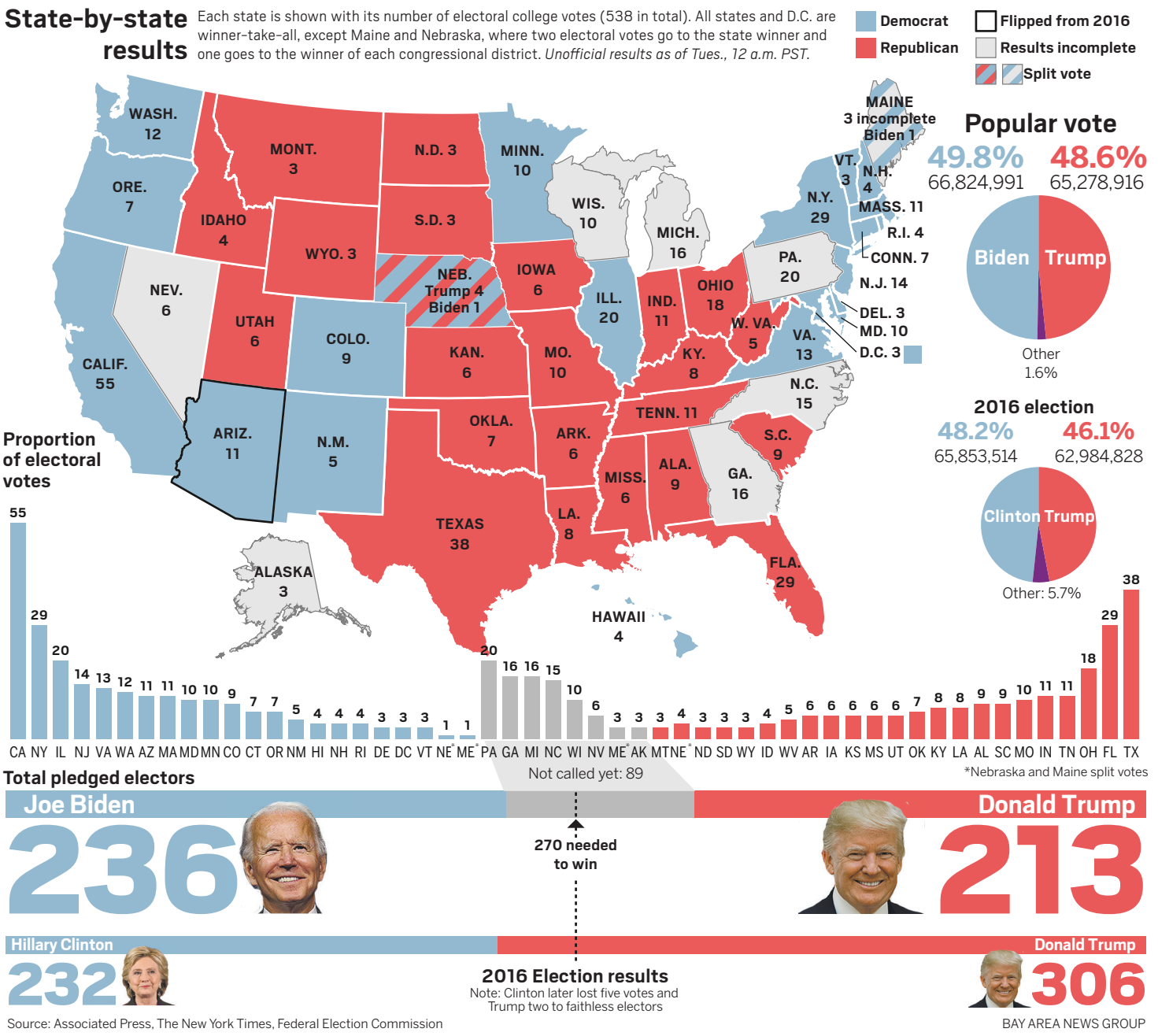
State-by-state results Each state is shown with its number of electoral college votes (538 in total). All states and D.C. are winner-take-all, except Maine and Nebraska, where two electoral votes go to the state winner and one goes to the winner of each congressional district. *Unofficial results as of Tues., 12 a.m. PST.*



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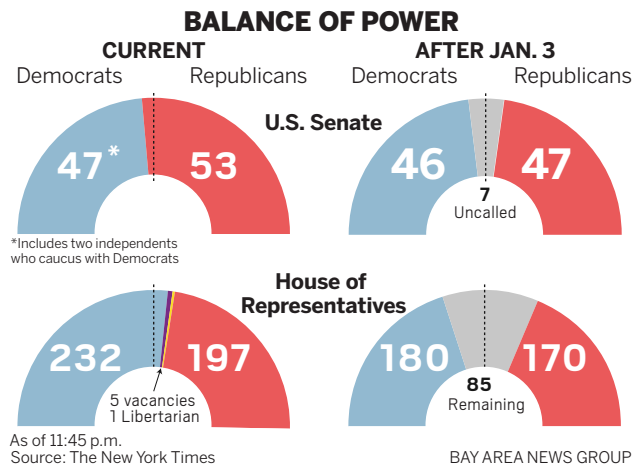

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In a tense night that could signal days of uncertainty ahead, the election between President Trump and challenger Joe Biden remained too close to call late Tuesday, with Americans coast-to-coast mesmerized by the fate of a country riven by disease and disagreement.

One thing was certain: Voters turned out in record numbers. And while roughly 100 million ballots were cast early, Trump supporters showed up in force to vote in person Tuesday, creating unpredictability and a dramatic electoral map as results rolled in.

Once again, all eyes were on Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin. And in a startling address, well past 2 a.m. at the White House, Trump insisted falsely "we already have won" and called on the vote counting to stop.

Despite trailing in the polls for weeks, Trump was clinging to narrow leads in all three of those key battleground states, and foiled Democrats hopes for an upset in Florida and Texas — must wins for the president's path to re-election. But Biden and his running mate, California Sen. Kamala Harris, were leading in Arizona and trailing by only razor-thin margins in North Carolina and Georgia, three states that Trump won in his upset over Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Californians also were closely watching as doubts grew that a predicted blue wave of discontent with Republican leadership would wash across the country. It would take a shift of four seats in the Senate to give Democrats

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Kamala Harris' career includes being the first Black office holder and first female San Francisco district attorney and California attorney general.

KAMALA » Win or lose, Harris seen as the face of America's political future

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Mere months after Kamala Harris became California's junior U.S. senator and her attacks on President Donald Trump made her so popular in some quarters that her name was cast about as a potential Democratic presidential nominee, political pundits quickly warned "she shouldn't be measuring for drapes in the Oval Office."

On election night 2020, not even four years later, this 56-year-old Oakland native and daughter of Jamaican and Indian parents was battling to make history as the first woman and first person of color to hold the nation's second-highest office — vice president of the United States.

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STATE MEASURES » Gig work leading; business property tax increase tight

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Faced with the opportunity to pull their liberal state further to the left through several state ballot propositions, California voters Tuesday appeared to be siding with tech companies in a fight over the future of the gig economy, while rejecting a bid to reinstate affirmative action and taking the battle over the future of their state's landmark property tax limits down to the wire.

The campaign to pass Proposition 22, which would allow tech companies such as Uber and DoorDash to keep treating their drivers as independent contractors rather than employees, declared victory late Tuesday night following the most expensive state initiative race in California history.

Meanwhile the lead flip-flopped several times in the tight race over Proposition 15, which would raise billions of dollars for schools and

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